(b) the names of the foreign companies which have made offers by the closing date;

(c) the target date for the consideration of the offers and allotment of blocks to the successful bidder;

(d) the time frame for the commencement and completion of exploration; and

(e) whether the terms offered include preferential claim of the country on the oil and gas produced and if so, whether the price applicable will be the then prevailing world price?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 39 offishore and 33 onshore blocks have been offered.

(b) The last date for receipt of bids is 29.2.1992.

(c) No target has been fixed.

(d) This would be decided at the time of signing of the contracts.

(e) Yes, Sir. The price payable for crude oil is at the prevailing international price. However, the price payable for natural gas would not exceed the price paid to the producer national oil companies (exclusive of cess, taxes and royalty).

[*Translation*]

Chandil Irrigation Project in Bihar

1252. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) since when the work on the Chandi Irrigation Project in Bihar has been going on;

(b) the estimated cost of the project and the cost escalation resulting from the delay in execution thereof; and

(c) the time by which the project is scheduled to by completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Chandil Dam is a component of the Subemarekha multipurpose project of Bihar which was started in the year 1979-80

(b) the originally sanctioned estimated cost of the project was Rs. 480.90 Crores and the revised estimated cost based or 1990 schedule is Rs. 1428.82 crores. The revision has taken place due to various reasons like cost escalation, increased liabilities on rehabilitation and resettlement and land aquisition and major changes in the design of dam.

(c) The Project is scheduled to spill over beyond VIII plan

Allocation made for Soil Conservation Scheme

1253. SHRI TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the amount allocated for soil conservation schemes to each State during the Seventh Plan and the Eighth Plan so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): The information is given in the statement below:

STATEMENT

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	*Name of the State/Union Territories*	*Allocation made during*			
		Seventh Plan	*1990-91*	*1991-92*	*1992-93*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	781.58	253.75	366.00	1401.33
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	246.92	202.50	6.00	455.42
3.	Assam	319.45	157.75	66.00	543.20
4.	Bihar	1679.15	462.40	676.00	2817.50
5.	Gujarat	517.14	529.82	221.00	1267.96
6.	Haryana	764.66	244.30	206.00	1214.86
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1687.13	475.00	686.00	2848.13
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	145.80	66.60	81.00	287.40
9.	Karnataka	895.32	238.70	356.00	1490.00
10.	Kerala	432.88	127.25	166.00	726.10
11.	Madhya Pradesh	3482.47	597.28	891.00	970.75
12.	Maharashtra	648.05	107.50	176.00	31.55

Sl. No.	Name of the State/Union Territories	Allocation made during			
		Seventh Plan	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
1	2	3	4	5	6
13.	Manipur	450.84	154.00	6.00	610.84
14.	Meghalaya	347.81	180.00	6.00	533.81
15.	Mizoram	688.45	358.00	6.00	1052.45
16.	Nagaland	688.45	358.00	6.00	1052.45
17.	Orissa	1568.55	335.00	356.00	2259.55
18.	Punjab	987.43	225.00	306.00	1498.40
19.	Rajasthan	3154.66	1386.61	1026.00	5567.27
20.	Sikkim	257.17	128.60	166.00	551.77
21.	Tamil nadu	724.37	250.00	356.00	1330.37
22.	Tripura	436.51	196.75	56.00	689.26
23.	Uttar Pradesh	4251.60	1172.38	1217.00	6640.98
24.	West Bengal	891.99	203.00	301.00	1395.99
25.	Goa	15.53	8.00	10.00	33.55

Sl. No.	Name of the State/Union Territories	Allocation made during			
		Seventh Plan	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
1	2	3	4	5	6
26.	A & N Island	24.24	5.00	12.00	41.2
27.	Chandigarh	0.25	...	...	0.25
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	6.00	...	4.00	10.00
29.	Delhi	21.91	12.00	14.00	47.91
30.	Daman & Diu	...	...	...	...
31.	Lakshadweep	8.80	3.80	4.00	15.80
32.	Pondicherry	11.49	4.00	4.00	19.49
	Total	25960.78	8349.79	7759.00	42069.57